

**Middletown Public Schools**

**Middletown, Rhode Island**

**Thursday, April 12, 2012**

**Michael S. Pinto Conference Room**

**6:00 p.m. – Executive Session**

**7:00 p.m. Regular School Committee Meeting**

**Members Present:**

**Theresa Spengler, Vice-Chair**

**Kellie DiPalma**

**Liana Fenton**

**William O'Connell**

**Member Absent:**

**Michael Crowley, Chairman**

**Also Present:**

**Rosemarie K. Kraeger, Superintendent of Schools**

**Linda Savastano, Assistant Superintendent**

**Edward Collins, Director of Facilities**

**Raquel Pellerin, Business Manager**

**MOTION: 1) Liana Fenton, 2) Kellie DiPalma. To go into Executive Session 42-46-4 (a) 1,2,5,8 at 6:04 p.m. Unanimous vote.**

**MOTION: 1) Liana Fenton, 2) Kellie DiPalma. To seal minutes of Executive Session. Unanimous vote.**

**The Regular School Committee Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Administrative staff members present were Gail Abromitis, Stephen Ponte and Michelle Fonseca (arrived at 7:28 p.m.)**

## **SPOTLIGHT ON TEACHING AND LEARNING**

**No “Spotlight on Teaching and Learning” for April 12, 2012.**

## **PROCLAMATIONS/AWARDS**

**Student Awards were given out in the following categories:**

- Newport Daily News Student and Athlete of the Week**
- Scholastic Art Awards**

- Boys' JV Basketball State Champions**

**A short recess was taken.**

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## **STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

**No "Student Activities" for April 12, 2012.**

## **INFORMATION**

**Mrs. Kraeger noted the following items of information:**

- Topics for NSBA workshops.**
- Letter from Antone Viveiros regarding questions he had from the Town Council/School Committee Budget Meeting. Backup information provided.**
- Safety Advisory Committee minutes and agenda.**
- Resolutions from other school committees**
- Information on charter changes**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

**No Correspondence for April 12, 2012.**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION: 1) Liana Fenton, 2) Kellie DiPalma. To approve the Consent Agenda. Unanimous vote.**

- Approval of Minutes of March 8, 2012 Budget Workshop**
- Approval of Minutes of March 15, 2012 Budget Workshop and School Committee Meeting**
- Approval of Minutes of March 29, 2012 Special School Committee Meeting**
- Approval of Invoice Register, dated March 09, 2012, in the amount of \$107,436.17**
- Approval of Invoice Register, dated March 14, 2012, in the amount of \$85,071.92**
- Approval of Invoice Register, dated March 20, 2012, in the amount of \$172,460.50**
- Approval of Invoice Register, dated March 23, 2012, in the amount of \$287.33**
- Approval of Invoice Register, dated March 26, 2012, in the amount of \$196,880.59**
- Approval of Invoice Register, dated March 27, 2012, in the amount of**

**\$50,442.68**

**•Approval of Invoice Register, dated March 29, 2012, in the amount of \$15,587.92**

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION ON PERSONNEL**

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**APPOINTMENTS AS OF JULY 1, 2012**

**Gail Abromitis Principal, Middletown High School**

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**RESIGNATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF RETIREMENT AS OF JUNE 30, 2012**

**Ronald Viveiros Facilities Management Department**

**SPRING COACHING APPOINTMENTS AS OF MARCH 19, 2012**

**Robin Ramey Head Varsity Softball Coach**

**Christine Elliot Assistant Varsity Softball Coach**

**Kristen Seyster Head Varsity Boys'/Girls' Outdoor Track Coach**

**Richard Formica Head Varsity Boys' Lacrosse Coach**

**Robert Weaver Assistant Varsity Boys' Lacrosse Coach**

**Megan Lawler Head Varsity Girls' Lacrosse Coach**

**Jason Rushton Varsity Girls' Tennis Coach**

**Brian Crea Freshman Baseball Coach**

**Lisa Clark Varsity Golf Coach**

**RESIGNATION AS OF MARCH 22, 2012**

**William Paradise Bus Monitor**

**FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE APPROVAL**

**Teacher Assistant Teacher Assistant, Middletown High School**

**From April 10, 2012 until approximately the end of the 2011-2012 school year**

**ACTION ITEMS**

**HOME SCHOOLING**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma , 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee approve Home Schooling 11-12-09. Unanimous vote.**

**2012-2013 SCHOOL CALENDAR REVISION**

**MOTION: 1) Liana Fenton, 2) Kellie DiPalma. That the School Committee approve the 2012-2013 School Calendar revision. Unanimous vote.**

**The first day of school is on September 5th, after Labor Day. The students have Primary and Election day off. There will be a Professional Development Day on Primary Day. Graduation is June 15th and the last day of school is June 19th.**

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## **RESOLUTIONS**

**MOTION: 1)Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee approve the June 1st Layoff Notice Date, Binding Arbitration, and Contract Continuation Resolutions. Unanimous vote.**

## **CONTRACT**

**MOTION: 1) Liana Fenton, 2) William O'Connell. That the School Committee approve the R.I. Council 94, AFSCME, AFL-CIO (Local 1823) contract from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2015. Unanimous vote.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

•NJROTC – Mrs. Kraeger has met with the Navy League regarding NJROTC. The students will be surveyed to see what the interest is to run a program. The survey will be given during advisory in grades 7-10. The legal department is reviewing the survey before distribution.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

•AQUIDNECK LEARNING CENTER – Mrs. Kraeger reported that this project has been on the radar for two years. The School Department is working with Fielding Nair and the Aquidneck School staff to create a similar environment at Aquidneck School as we have at Forest Avenue. Mr. Collins said that due to increased enrollment at Aquidneck School, we cannot use any existing classroom space and are now exploring new avenues. Too much classroom space would be lost and the new classrooms as well as the common area would be too small, which would defeat the purpose. We are currently looking into creating a “bump out”. Another option could be to expand the library to make it more of a media center. A new proposal will be developed in the next few months. Mrs. Kraeger has met with Town Administrator Shawn Brown to see if there are any alternatives.

## **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORTS**



•**CURRICULUM** – We are currently finishing the Health and Physical Education curriculums. More time is needed at the high school for the health component. The Social Studies curriculum will be updated next year.

•**FINANCIAL** – The yearly Uniform Chart of Accounts audit will begin. The Municipal Deficit Report is due to the town on April 24th and will be brought back for approval in May. 97% of budget has been expended. With the new financial package, we know exactly where we are with budget expenditures and we will always know what the cash flow is.

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\***FACILITIES** – The Art Center will officially open the Monday after vacation.

**MOTION:** 1)Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee receive the Superintendent's Reports. Unanimous vote.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

**Miss DiPalma attended a Safety Advisory Committee Meeting in March. There was an update from the Athletic Director regarding the Chemical Health Policy. The topics of chemical health meetings would rotate over four years so each year it would change for the students. There are ten new topics being proposed to keep it fresh. There will be a Student Leadership Conference at Salve Regina the last weekend in April. Youth groups are working with the MSAPTF.**

### **ADJOURN FROM MEETING**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. To adjourn from the School Committee Meeting at 7:41 p.m. Unanimous vote.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Rosemarie K. Kraeger, Clerk**